

Messiah in the Tanach, 04

Messianic theme of the Canon

- Torah
- Prophets
 - Former prophets
 - Latter prophets
 - Minor prophets
- Writings

7 Questions

- 1 How was the Tanach canon decided?
- 2 How was the Tanach canon divided?
- 3 How was the Tanach canon messianic?
- 4 How was each Tanach book messianic?
- 5 What was 'messiah' the Torah?
- 6 What was 'messiah' the Prophets?
- 7 What was 'messiah' the Writings?

Observations

- The Torah was canon by the 5th BCE
- The Prophets were canon by the 3d BCE.
- The Writings were canon by 90 CE.
- Arranged by historical period and size.
- Edited to have thematic "seams."
- All Israel agreed on the Tanach books.
- Attesting to the Holy Spirit's witness.
- All books have some messianic content.

The Tanakh

From Law to Prophets

Moses had laid his hands on Joshua ... no prophet like Moses. Deuteronomy 24.9-12

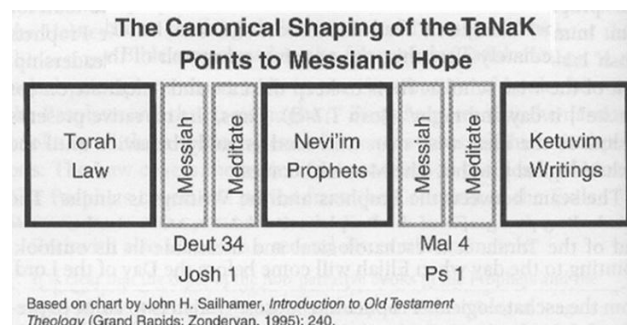
The LORD spoke to Joshua. Joshua 1:1

From Prophets to Writings

Remember the law of Moses ... I will send you Elijah the prophet. Malachi 4:1-6

Blessed is the man who ... he delights in the LORD's law day & night. Psalm 1:1-2

The Law	The Prophets	The Writings
Torah (Pentateuch) Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Former Prophets Joshua Judges Samuel (1 & 2) Kings (1 & 2) Latter Prophets Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel The Twelve Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Poetry Psalms Proverbs Job Five Rolls Song of Songs Ruth Lamentations Esther Ecclesiastes History Daniel Ezra-Nehemiah Chronicles (1 & 2)



Messianic texts in the Torah

1 Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come." Genesis 49

14 "I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the days to come." Numbers 24

10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; the nations will obey him. Genesis 49

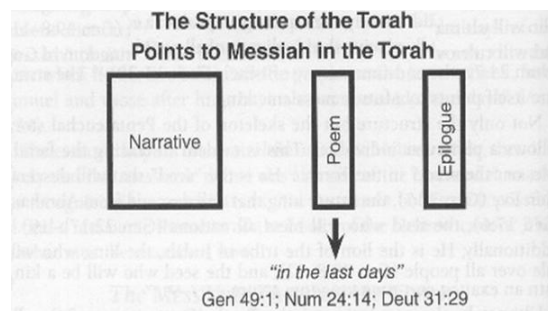
7 "His king shall be higher than [Gog], and his kingdom shall be exalted." Numbers 24

Messianic theme in the Torah

15 "He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Genesis 3

8 "I will give ... to your offspring after you ... all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession..." Genesis 17

15 "God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you." Deuteronomy 18



Messianic theme, former Prophets

6 "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" Judges 17 [Before David]

30 "The people of Dan set up the carved image for themselves, and Jonathan ... and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land." Judges 18 [After David]

11 "I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen ... and rebuild it as in the days of old" Amos 9

16 "Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." ...

- Throne: Every Davidic king was a potential end-times Messiah.

Messianic theme, Latter prophets

6 "To us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder... 7 on the throne of David and over his kingdom ... and forevermore." Isaiah 9

1 "Behold my servant, ... my chosen ...; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations." Isa 42

6 "My servant ... to bring back ... Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Isaiah 49

1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me ... The LORD has anointed me 2 to proclaim the year of ... favor, and the day of vengeance of our God" Isaiah 61

5 "I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king ... in the land." Jeremiah 23

9 "They shall serve the LORD their God and David their king." Jeremiah 30

31 "Behold, the days are coming, ... when I will make a new covenant with ... Israel and ... Judah." Jer 31

Messianic theme, Minor prophets

5 “The children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, ... in the latter days” Hosea 3

2 “Bethlehem ..., from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, who coming is from old, from ancient days.” Micah 5

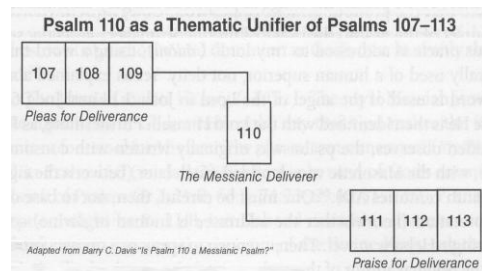
10 “I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.” Zecharia 12

5 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” Malachi 4

Messianic theme, Writings

27 “I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. 28 My [loyalty] I will keep for him forever.” Psalm 89

25 “I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.” Job 19



13 “I saw in the night visions... with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man... 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away.” Daniel 7

7 Tentative Conclusions

- Tanach = Law + Prophets + Writings.
- Hebrew: *Torah* + *Navi'im* + *Kethuvim*.
- Written in Hebrew & inspired by God.
- Divided by period and by size.
- Books had to have a messianic hope.
- Prophets expanded Torah's messianism.
- The Tanach foresees a final Messiah.
- Every king was a potential final Messiah.